

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 15 September 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Women & Infants Hospital

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)			X
Edward F. Almon			X
John Donahue	X		
John W. Flynn			X
Wallace Gernt	X		
Amy Lapierre			X
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.			X
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Robert Whiteside		X	
Committee-II			
Robert Hamel	X		
Reverend Shire	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

Public: None

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of four in favor with none opposed (4-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Gernt, Lonardo, Quigley.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island** [Care New England Health Systems] for Certificate of Need to acquire a da Vinci Si Robotic System to offer minimally invasive gynecologic procedures.

The purpose of this meeting was for the applicant to demonstrate how the da Vinci robot is used. The vendor provided a demonstration model to facilitate this meeting.

W & I's physicians discussed the advantages of operating using the da Vinci unit at the Miriam Hospital including being able to treat patient who are not candidates for laparoscopy. Patients related their experiences of being operated on using the da Vinci unit at the Miriam Hospital.

Committee members were provided an opportunity to sit at the console and operate the da Vinci unit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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